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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

 Trade sentiment was firm in the West, mostly fully steady to firm elsewhere. Retail demand was light to moderate, instances good for effective retail ads. Food service was moderate to good, best for fast food and restaurants. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient with smaller sizes balanced to short. Trucking issues were still present resulting in delivery and availability problems. In the parts structure, trading was fair to good. Breast items were close to tight and moving well. Dark meat was balanced to closely cleared, but wings continued fully adequate with some discounting reported. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 cents to 75.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 64.00 cents last year on May 7, 2003.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	259.00
BREASTS - B/S	238.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	127.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.50
LEG QUARTERS	35.50
WINGS	128.00

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was at least steady to firm. Demand into retail channels was fair to moderate, best for specials and active first of the month business. Food service was fair to good, best into fast food and restaurants preparing for upcoming Mother's Day. Supplies of all sizes were in close to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were barely adequate to tight and moving at premium levels. Dark meat was in good balance, closest for thigh and leg meats, but wings remained in the longest position with little interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was at least moderate to fairly good. Offerings of the 3 pound and lighter birds were balanced, however, the 3.5 pound and larger birds were noted as at least adequate. Retail and distributive draw was fairly good. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items remained tight and were clearing with premiums noted. Dark meat items clearing very well. Wings were fully adequate and discounted to entice interest.

**MIDWEST** The market tone on whole broiler/fryers continued steady to firm. Buyer interest was keen on lighter weight birds as offerings and supplies were short; heavier weight product was adequate. Retail movement was mixed, but mostly moderate with scattered features providing increased traffic. Food service orders were increasing and demand was noted as moderate to very good. Fast food promotions and restaurants were again experiencing the best call. Floor stocks were adequate to short of full trade needs; eight piece cut-ups and breast portions noted as most shorted lines. Trucking issues of delivery and availability were noted. Weights were mixed, but trending heavier than needed. Trading on parts was fairly good when product was available. Offerings on white meat cuts, outside of wings were very limited; leg items were adequate; wings were fully available and discounted. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast cuts, steady to fully steady on dark meat lines and barely steady to weak on wings.

**WESTERN** The market tone was firm. Offerings were tight to adequate with small sized product in the closest position. Demand by stores was moderate to fairly good best to cover feature activities; restaurants were fairly good to good best to cover Mother's Day interest. Floor stocks in good balance with current demand.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 05/01/04	2004	2003	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	212,631	209,166	+02
CHICKS PLACED	174,978	172,351	+02

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 1, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through May 1, 2004 were 3.06 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 12-Jun-04 is estimated at 160.4 million head. This compares to 159.4 million head the previous week and to 161.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.44 cents per pound.

MAY 04, 2004

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 05, 2004

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	903	214.00-306.00	216-220	218.44	BREAST - B/S	900	215.00-306.00	218-222	221.97
TENDERLOINS	308	230.00-278.00	232-239	237.66	TENDERLOINS	306	230.00-278.00	232-239	237.60
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	119.00-128.00	120-123	122.09	BREAST - LINE RUN	101	120.00-131.00	121-124	122.30
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	73	39.00-56.00	40-42	42.51	LEGS	74	40.00-56.00	41-43	43.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	521	31.00-34.00	31-32	32.69	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	561	31.00-34.00	31-32	32.79
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	848	34.00-36.00	34-36	35.55	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	968	34.00-38.00	34-36	35.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	296	113.00-134.00	116-120	119.63	WINGS (WHOLE)	296	111.00-130.00	115-119	118.97
WINGS (CUT)	464	131.00-141.00	131-134	133.22	WINGS (CUT)	574	128.00-135.00	129-132	131.15
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
72.00 - 77.00	74.60	72.50 - 77.00	75.09	73.96

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest continued fair to fairly good during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were short and clearing under premiums. Legs were closely cleared and leg quarters were noted as balanced to adequate. Wings remained fully adequate with scattered discounting prevalent. Distributive movement was at least moderate. Fast food demand was brisk. The market tone was firm on breast items, fully steady on dark meat lines and barely steady to mostly weak on wings.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT  
 QUANTITIES MAY 04, 2004

MAY 04, 2004				MAY 05, 2004			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	225-230	218.95	753,747	BREAST - B/S	230	222.66	609,642
TENDERLOINS	235	226.75	155,150	TENDERLOINS	235	223.39	55,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	121-122	126.22	169,680	BREAST - WITH RIBS	122-123	126.73	164,560
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	124.62	109,720	BREAST - LINE RUN	122	126.67	117,640
LEGS	45-46	45.80	263,080	LEGS	46-47	44.41	305,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	33.88	515,572	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	34-35	34.46	342,404
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	44.07	188,000	DRUMSTICKS	35-36	42.67	143,560
THIGHS	44-45	47.56	158,556	THIGHS	44-45	49.09	136,270
B/S THIGHS	112-113	112.40	91,650	B/S THIGHS	112-113	108.55	80,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	113-114	120.47	184,860	WINGS (WHOLE)	111-112	121.55	187,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.08	35,640	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.68	34,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.39	15,725	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.40	18,120
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.63	32,490	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.38	24,760

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ALA	3,931	3,977	3,902	4,495	5.35	5.09	3,903	5.31
ARK	5,324	5,413	5,462	4,966	5.15	4.79	5,339	5.11
DELMARVA	2,240	2,258	2,246	2,136	5.71	5.49	2,202	5.52
KY-LA-TN	1,988	2,030	2,026	2,471	5.04	4.62	2,029	5.08
MISS	2,967	3,009	3,001	2,854	5.42	5.50	2,940	5.41
NC	2,475	2,469	2,392	2,942	6.44	6.48	2,317	6.42
TEXAS	2,433	2,418	2,480	2,490	5.23	4.97	2,448	5.19
TOTAL	21,358	21,574	21,509	22,354	5.42	5.23	21,178	5.38
MON-WED 64,573 (A)							63,670 (A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 05-May-04 is estimated to be 31,954,000 head up 0.55 percent from a week ago and up 3.02 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,780,000, last year 31,017,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	71-81
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	105
	DRY PACK	105-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-107
	DRY PACK	107-109
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-93
	DRY PACK	93-95
DUCKS		162-185

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-MAY-04

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/08/04 (1)	05/01/04
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	161,957 (2)	162,900
LT HENS	1,411	1,378
HVY HENS	1,451	1,451
CHECK TOTAL	164,819	165,729

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-May-04 is 161.9 million head compared to 157.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.3 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-May-04 the estimated available is 162.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 05/03/04	178,373	45,338
AM 04/01/04	183,458	41,759
CHG	-5,085	3,579
PCT CHG	-3	9

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/03/04	04/26/04	05/05/03	05/03/04	04/26/04	05/05/03
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	7,835	7,437	11,192	3,254	3,412	8,239
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	381	372	108	1,767	1,927	3,511

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 3, 2004

	RANGE	
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	66-71
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	68-76

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 05/04/04

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	1.20	1.01	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.00	.76	MIXED FOWL ea.	6.00	7.00	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	3.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	.25	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	2.00	6.50	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.40	1.22	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	1.55	1.32	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	3.00	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	5.25	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	2.00	2.50	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	51						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending April 30, 2004

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	51.01	111.59	63.77	7.97	11.96	47.83
High	55.00	119.57	71.74	15.94	15.94	47.83
Mostly	53.41	119.57	71.74	11.96	11.96	47.83

**SAN JUAN**

Low	50.62	111.59	63.77	7.97	11.96	45.83
High	54.60	119.57	71.74	11.96	15.94	45.83
Mostly	53.41	119.57	71.74	11.96	11.96	45.83

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	50.62	111.59	63.77	7.97	11.96	47.83
High	54.60	119.57	71.74	11.96	15.94	47.83
Mostly	53.41	119.57	71.74	11.96	11.96	47.83

**BECERRA**

Low	50.62	111.59	63.77	7.97	11.96	47.83
High	54.60	119.57	71.74	15.94	15.94	47.83
Mostly	53.41	119.57	71.74	11.96	11.96	47.83

**DELMARVA** Movement of read-to-cook whole birds remained moderately good. Seller offerings were in good balance to sometimes short. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to light. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were fully adequate. Supplies of boneless/skinless and bone-in breast were generally well cleared. Leg cuts were adequate to barely adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	73-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	81.94
NO. OF BOXES	7,325

\*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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